

**REMARKS**

By the instant Preliminary Amendment, revisions have been made to the specification consistent with those made in the parent application. In addition, the claims relating to the subject matter considered in the parent application have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer with the claims presented in the instant divisional application generally relating to the subject matter of Group II as defined in the restriction requirement formally set forth in the Official Action dated March 15, 2002, in the parent application. In this respect, new claims 18 and 19 provide the subject matter of claims 2 and 3, but further recite that the defined precursor is "capable of development processing on a printing machine by supplying a fountain solution and ink" and recite the presence of an "infrared absorbing dye".

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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